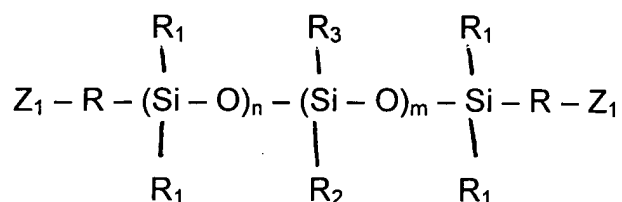


IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claims have been amended as indicated below wherein added words are underlined and deleted words are {braced}.

Claims 1-24 (Withdrawn)

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A method of using {the} an ophthalmic device produced {through the method of claim 24} using a polymeric composition produced through the copolymerization of one or more prepolymers produced from one or more prepolymer precursors



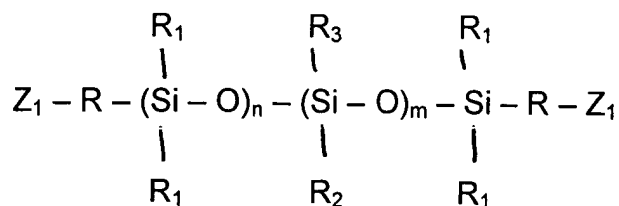
wherein the R groups may be the same or different saturated C₁₋₁₀ hydrocarbon substituents; the R₁ groups may be the same or different C₁₋₁₀ alkyl substituents; the R₂ groups may be the same or different selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₁₀ alkyl substituents, C₁₋₁₀ fluoroalkyl substituents, and C₂₋₂₀ alkyl-fluoroalkyl substituents; the R₃ groups may be the same or different C₆₋₃₀ aromatic substituents; n is a natural number; and m is a natural number greater than 4

representing the sum of siloxane moieties with randomly differing R₁, R₂ and R₃ groups as defined above so as to have a molar ratio of aromatic substituents to alkyl substituents no less than 1:4 such that the prepolymer molecular weight is at least approximately 1000 and refractive index is at least approximately 1.45; and the Z₁ groups may be the same or different selected from the group consisting of –OH and –NH₂, with one or more aromatic monomers, an alkyl monomers or hydrophilic monomers, comprising:

making an incision in the cornea of an eye; and
implanting said ophthalmic device.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn)

Claim 27 (Currently amended): A method of using {the} an ophthalmic device produced {through the method of claim 24 or 26} using one or more prepolymer precursors



wherein the R groups may be the same or different saturated C₁₋₁₀ hydrocarbon substituents; the R₁ groups may be the same or different C₁₋₁₀ alkyl substituents; the R₂ groups may be the same or different selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₁₀ alkyl substituents, C₁₋₁₀ fluoroalkyl substituents, and C₂₋₂₀ alkyl-fluoroalkyl substituents; the R₃ groups may be the same or different C₆₋₃₀ aromatic substituents; n is a natural number; and m is a natural number greater than 4 representing the sum of siloxane moieties with randomly differing R₁, R₂ and R₃ groups as defined above so as to have a molar ratio of aromatic substituents to alkyl substituents no less than 1:4 such that the prepolymer molecular weight is at least approximately 1000 and refractive index is at least approximately 1.45; and the Z₁ groups may be the same or different selected from the group consisting of –OH and –NH₂ comprising:

making an incision in the cornea of an eye; and
implanting said ophthalmic device.

Claims 28-29 (Withdrawn)

Should there be any questions regarding this preliminary amendment,
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita D. Vacca", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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